

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2910 - HB 2710**

This bill, if enacted, will:

1. lower the age from 60 to 55 at which time a person may audit courses at any state supported college or university without paying tuition or fees; and
2. lower the age from 65 to 55 at which time a person may enroll in courses for credit at state supported colleges and universities without payment of tuition or fees, except that such schools may charge a service fee, not to exceed \$75 a semester, for the purpose of defraying the cost of keeping the records of such students.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$988,000 to offset lost tuition revenues to the schools of approximately \$988,000. Details of this estimate are shown below:

(1) Free course audit for persons 55-59	No significant cost
(2) Free tuition to enroll in credit courses age 55-64:	
Current UT students age 55-64	145
Current TBR students age 55-64	<u>1,448</u>
	1,593 total
Est. maint. fee per yr.	\$770 (part-time rate)
Total maint. fees	\$1,226,610 (1,593 x \$770)
Less: \$75 semester cost defray	<u>(238,950)</u> (1,593 x \$75 x 2 sem)
Est. Increase in State Expen.	<u>\$987,660</u>

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director